

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING
MAY 7, 2014

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absent:

Carleton C. Cappuccino, DMD, Chair Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Craig VanDongen, DDS

Robert E. Bartro, DDS, Vice Chair

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Donald C. Williams, Secretary

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Stephen J. Puerini, DMD

Russell Chin, DDS

Louis Marciano, BS, M.Ed

Kerri Friel, RDH, COA, CDA, MA

Maryellen Simas, RDH

Caroline Danish, DDS

Martin C. Nager, DMD

Robert Ricci, Ph.D

Staff Members in Attendance: Others in Attendance:

James McDonald, MD Marie Jones-Bridges, RIDHA

Donna Costantino Dr. Marian Royer, RIDA

Amy Coleman, JD Margaret Sweeney, Esquire

Linda Phillips Elisa Liberto, DMD, AGD

Linda Esposito Valerie Celantano, RIDA

Establishment of Quorum:

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:10 on a motion by Maureen Ross and seconded by Steve Puerini. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion was made by Ms. Kerri Friel and seconded by Dr. Russell Chin to accept the OPEN Minutes of April 2, 2014. The Board voted unanimously to approve the OPEN Minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Administrative Issues:

Announcements:

There were no announcements at today's meeting.

Communications:

Report of NDEAF meeting (Chicago) - Dr. Robert Bartro:

Dr. Robert Bartro provided the Board Members with a brief overview of the subject matter addressed at the NDEAF meeting, such as statistical data and exam information.

(Note – Dr. James McDonald arrived at 8:20 am; Donna Costantino arrived at 8:30 am)

Issued Licenses:

The list of issued licenses was announced to all Board Members present. Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Ms. Maryellen Simas to approve the list of licensees. Motion carried.

Old Business:

OSHA and Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Report – Dr. Martin Nager:

Dr. Martin Nager reviewed information with the Board regarding his research of the OSHA and Bloodborne Pathogen and Infection Control continuing education issue. Based on that information, Dr. Nager proposed that a clear definition of “Infection Control” be established in the Rules and Regulations, and that the continuing education requirement for OSHA and Bloodborne Pathogen and Infection Control all be condensed into one 2 hour session that is required to be taken every year. A Motion was made by Dr. Stephen

**Puerini and seconded by Ms. Kerri Friel to accept the proposal.
Motion carried.**

Sample “Letter of Concern” Discussion:

Staff provided a sample copy of the “Letter of Concern” and “License Verification” letter. After review, a Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Russell Chin to accept the letters as written. Motion carried.

Dental Labs (Licensing of Facilities and Individuals):

After discussion, Board Members asked if there is a regulatory process for Dental Labs in place. Attorney Coleman is to research regulatory requirements in other states and report her findings to the Board at their June 2014 meeting.

Ownership of Dental Practices:

After discussion, the Board asked that Attorney Coleman confer with Facilities Regulation, Chief Administrative Officer of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, and the Chief of Health Professionals Regulation, regarding this issue and to report findings at the June 2014 Board Meeting.

New Business:

Dental Anesthesia Verification Document:

Staff provided the Board with a sample copy of the Verification request form currently being used to obtain anesthesia qualification information. After review and discussion, staff will submit a new proposed format to the Board at their June 2014 Board Meeting.

Public Comment (Topic Specific to Today's Meeting):

There were no public comments at today's meeting.

Adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session:

Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Russell Chin to adjourn to Executive CLOSED Session at 9:20 am. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5 of the RI General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health or applicants for licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance in writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an OPEN meeting.

(Note – Dr. Russell Chin left the Board Meeting at 9:20 am)

Return to OPEN Session:

Motion was made by Dr. Craig VanDongen and seconded by Mr. Louis Marciano at 11:20 am to re-open the OPEN session and to seal the Minutes of the Executive (CLOSED) Session pursuant to Section 42-46(1) and (2) of the RI General Laws. Motion carried.

Final Actions:

There were no final actions at this meeting.

Adjourn:

The next RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry meeting will be held Wednesday, June 4, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the RI Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. Motion was made by Dr. Martin Nager and seconded by Dr. Stephen Puerini to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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